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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12 with the following amended claims:

--1. (Amended) A device for controlling the brightness of an optical signal overlaid on a specimen image, ~~for example~~ in a microscope, having a main beam path (1, 2, 6), a main objective (12), a main light source (11), and a beam splitter (23) for reflecting image data into the main beam path (6), wherein ~~the illumination for the reflected-in image (4) can be generated on a transmitted-light basis, in particular by means of a transmitted-light display (21), selectively directly or indirectly by way of the main light source (11) and/or a second light source (18) controllable as a function of the main light source.~~

3. (Amended) The device as defined in Claim 1, wherein an optical prism (17), a mirror, or ~~the like~~ is provided for switching between the main light source and reflected-in image light source.

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2nd light source?